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WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF BRIDGEVALLEY COMMUNITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

BridgeValley Community Technical College (hereinafter "BridgeValley" or the "College") is in need of legal representation to assist with an arbitration matter relating to several outstanding bond issues, and has requested permission to appoint Robinson & McElwee to represent the College.

More specifically, BridgeValley seeks to protect its interests, through legal counsel, related to outstanding bonds as BridgeValley seeks to complete institutional separation requirements mandated by state law.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that it is both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint Robinson & McElwee for purposes of the needed legal services, based on the following factors:

- The matter at issue requires particular expertise in public finance law not currently possessed by the Office of the Attorney General.
- The legal services needed would require a significant time commitment from the Office of the Attorney General to familiarize itself with the financial work.
- There is a need for the appointment of counsel as quickly as possible in order to comply with the expedited arbitration process.
- Robinson & McElwee has the requisite experience necessary to provide the legal services in question, and is headquartered in the geographic area (Kanawha County) where the legal services are to be performed.
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the requested legal services.

Because this matter involves time-sensitive legal services that cannot be adequately provided by the Office of the Attorney General, and for which insufficient time exists to complete the customary competitive bidding process, the Office of the Attorney General has determined that Requests for Proposal are not necessary pursuant to Sections (D)(1) of Policy #WVAGO-004.

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Date Signed: May 15, 2014